*Crosby Scholars is helping kids in our community!*

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## What is Early Childhood Development?

Early childhood development helps children learn the building blocks of life. You can do many things to help children learn and grow, to make them smart and healthy, and to make our community stronger! [1]

Healthy development at a young age can help a child learn in the future. In Forsyth County many children do not get early development. Almost 50 percent of children need more help preparing for Kindergarten. Students in our elementary schools need help reading too. [2]

[1] Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University
[2] Forsyth Promise 2019 Education Report

## How Can You Help?

By participating in Crosby Cares for Kids!

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Crosby Cares for Kids is an initiative to encourage Crosby Scholars to go beyond babysitting and help in the early childhood development of children in our community.

Crosby Scholars can care for children ages 10 and under. Since this is a volunteer opportunity, students should not be paid for this activity.

### Step 1: Learn More About Early Childhood Development

Click **HERE** to watch a short video to learn more!

### Step 2: Learn to Care for Kids

Visit SAFE SITTER® for free resources to learn how to **CARE FOR KIDS**, **HANDLE AN EMERGENCY**, and **BEHAVIOR TIPS**.

Click **HERE** to go to the SAFE SITTER® website.

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### Step 3: Make a Plan

This step will help you **understand** the child you are caring for and how to **entertain** them while helping their development.

### Ages and Stages

**Infants:** Under 1 Year Old
**Toddlers:** 1 to 2 Years Old
**Preschoolers:** 3 to 5 Years Old
**School Age:** 6 to 10 Years Old

### CLICK HERE TO MAKE A PLAN

Remember each child is different and your plan will be based on their age.

**Did you Know?** Toddlers have short attention spans and like to change activities every few minutes, while preschoolers can play pretend for up to an hour!

Go to **Education.com** for more worksheets, games, and activities for children of all ages.

### Community Service Credit

Spend **ONE HOUR** learning and planning and **ONE HOUR** caring for a younger child or children.

Don't forget! Complete the Community Service Form.